Where Shall the Next Singing Convention be Held?

The Abbeville County Singing Auxiliary will hold its meeting some time in April or May, most probably in April, or as it suits the church which entertains the convention. Any church may invite this convention that is in Abbeville county. A treat is in store for the church that is fortunate enough to get this spring session.

There was a "stocking party" at Dr. J. B. Moseley's Tuesday night. It there are any who do not know what kind of a party that is, will say it is a plan to raise money, in which suckings play an important part. About 200 invitations, each containing a small stocking made by one of the young adress of our Epoworth League, were sent out. On the night above stated, between 80 and 90, from those but a few years of age to those who have passed the meridian of life, make and handed in to the door keeper his or her stock-

Your Spring Clothing :

The Abbeville Steam Laundry can clean and press up your suits and make it look new. Soiled pants washed and pressed in shape for 35c. Send your Laundry to thome Laundry as the territory is small any way, and the home Laundry needs all thwork the town has. All work gnaranteed to be done right. Dresses, suits and clothing dyed in first class shape.

ment for 190I.

Realizing the fact, that the old way of long credits must give place to the new idea of doing business on a cash basis. We are now adjusting ourselves to the new order of things.

You can get the very best sugar cured hams at Thomson Bros. for 12½c per ib. Every one guaranteed. If you don't want a whole one, we cut them for you.

We always have a lot of fresh pork sausage on hand. Something nice. Try them and be convinced.

You can always get fresh oysters at Thomson Bros. Give them a trial. Phone 99.

Mr. W. C. Black of Level Land was in town last Monday, driving one of the finest trotters that come to town that day. If our perple generally had more corn for fine horses, it would be a stimulus to thieft and properly. Good horses are indicative of progress.

The subject of making a better road crossing at Dendy's Bridge on Long Cane has the attention of Supervisor Nickols, and if he succeeds in giving the public a good crossing for that thoroughlare he will earn the everlaging gratitude of the people of this city, as well as of those who visit Abbeville by that route.

Sheriff C. J. Lyon has been commissioned by the Governor, and will assume the duties of his office. Since the death of Shariff Kennedy Coronor Goings has filted the office mos acceptably. He made such a good Sheriff that we were surprised that he did not become a candidate for the office.

March 10th, at the A. R. P. Church Service at the Associate Reformed Pres-byterian Church next Sabbath II A. M. and S P. M. The pastor will preach in the morning on the subject, "Unochanged and Unchangable:" in the evening on "The Story of a Leet Coin." Lost Coin."
The publics is cordially invited.

Office Days. The County Supervisor will be in his office on Saturdays, and public days. If persons who have business in the office will come on those days they will not be disappointed.

G. N. Nickols,

March, 5, 1901, tf. Registration.

The City Registration books will be open othe Council Chain voters, March 12 13 14-James Chalmers,

After an absence of several weeks in New York, attending a course in surgery and dis-cases of children, Dr. Neuffer is at home again, and is ready to serve his patrons.

The Literary Club.

Bermuda Grass. Person desiring contracts to set bermud-grass roots by the acre in checks may secure the same by calling at the Press and Banner

Any person desiring to sell a cottage in the city of Abbeville may address a postal card to the Press and Banner. Price not to exceed

The Best Paper Shell Peacans.

Pre's Book Store-2 the time to plant.

Shoe Bargain. We have just gone through our Shoe stock and called out all the odds and ends, they go on the barg-in counter at 50c, 75c, and \$1 pair. Call and see them at Haddon's.

Dwelling House to Rent. That commodious dwelling house of Mrs Agnes Robinson is for rent. For particulars, apply to B. S. Barnwell, National Bank.

Beturn the Books.

Those friends who have books belonging to the editor of the Press and Banner will press returm them at once.

Note the day of auction sale Monday March

11, at R. C. Bernau's the jeweler, everything in his stock will be sold to highest bidder. Sale will rentinue until sold out. Sale every day at 2.30 P. M.

THE wind yesterday sent the dust flying in great clouds, and the signs and window shutters attempted fantastic tricks. See Mr. Bernau's ad in another column, he will bave an auction sale and sell out his ele

gant stock of watches, jeweiry, china, etc., to the highest bidder. Now is the time to buy his goods at your own price. Try a setting eggs from J. R. Glenn's fine B. P. Rock chickens, prize winners from state fair.

Knowledge about the Bible is poor Tea, cocos, chocolate, gelatine, evaporated seaches and apples. Good soaps, 3 bars for lets. Soda almost given away, tobacco 30 cts. a life of loving, joyful service of man and of the Son of man. One principal reason why men are

L. T. & T. M. Miller's Locals. We have just received 50 barrels of Maine grown seed potatoes. Four different varieties. They must be sold at once. Come to see us if you want good seed to put on your garden shift multiplicity of objects and pursuits.

Seed potatoes. Now is the time to plant.
don't fail to see us before buying your potato seed and garden seed.

our stock of groceries is complete. Canned goods, dried fruits, molasses and syrups, hams and breakfast strips, also shoulders, all kinds of package goods, such as out meal, breakfast food, grape nut, postum, Uneeda

The are and crockery, glassware, well buckets, pocket knives, shears and selssors, tollet
soap and pipes. In fact everything handled
in an up-to-date grocery store. Give us a call.
Phone 75. We put the stuff in your homes

of joy equatorial and tropical.

LOWNDESVILLE LETTER.

Bad News for "Sockless Jerry-An Notes.

MAN IN OUR MIDST.

PLANTERS FELT LIKE PLANTING.

the oldest sister of the fate Cot. In the death, in well known to our people. In her death, he last one of the children of Maj. Lindsa; Harper, of revered memory, is no more. Mrs. McGbre was litelong member of the Methosist church. It was her lifelong wish to bouried at her first home, and funds from her state were specially set apart to carry out

estate were specially set apart to carry out her wishes. A good woman is gone. Troupe.

AN HONEST MAN.

Looking for a Tricky Darkey Who

Mr. W. H. Long of this town is an honest man, and lives up to the Scripture injunction to owe no man anything but goodwill. A few days ago he had one of the little boot

Laundry Locals.

Suits thoroughly cleaned and pressed a

Now is the time to have your spring suit-verhauled and cleaned up, and Hammond's aundry is the place to have the work done

Dyeing done at the Abbeville Laundry

Amos B. Morse's Locals.

Reception Flakes in 1 lb sealed packages, resh 15c.

Veal Loaf in one lb and ½ lb cans, and

The reason so few of us do not attempt

We make the past by our use of the

If the poor people did but know how

little some millionaires enjoy their

wealth, there would be less enoy in

Face to face, each solitary soul meets

ts Master and makes to him its vows.

No man can stand between, no man

The strength of resolve, which after-

wards shapes life and mixes itself with action, is the fruit of those sacred,

solitary moments when we meet God

often useless is that they divide and shift their attention among a

Since the generality of persons act from impulse much more than from

principle, men are neither so good nor so bad as we are apt to think them.

The Now is the connecting link be-

tween the two eternities of the past

The amount of strength we my re-

than our desires.

the world.

great things for God is simply because

A nice lot of flower pots all sizes.

Chicken Loaf. If you want a nice luncheon or tea, try either of these.

C. P. Hammond.

Amos B. Morse,

Send us your shirts, collars and cuffs.

Money.

Had Wrongfully Appropriated

Lowndsville, March, 4th, 1991.

Last Saturday a week ago, Mr. Mr. J. D.

Barns came over and remained thit Monday morning the guest of the Moseley house.

Judging from appearances, there is some attraction to him near here and we look for him

maded in to the door keeper his or her stocking containing their contribution. From this it is seen that it is a plan to raise money. Now for its object. The State League Conference that assembled at Williamston last summer decided that the 70 or 80 Leagues in the State could support at least one missionary in Cuba. This League through its delegates to that Conference, piedged it to raise between 15 and 25 dollars. This party was gotten up to raise as much of the amount as possible. The receipts of the night together with amounts received from those who could not come, gave us when aggrigated \$\frac{3}{2}\$— We of the Legue are very thankful to all who contributed. A well arranged program for the pleasure of the crowd was satisfactorily car ried out. It consisted of readings and music on the violin and plano. At a precty late nour refreshment, cake and tee cream were served free. Everything passed off to the entire satisfaction of all present, and it was an occasion long to be remembered.

Wednesday inguit there was a musicale at the Kay House. The music was furnished by the French hotanist, which he describes in Le Revue Scientifique. Some parts of his article are as follows:

the Kay House. The music was furnished by Mr. Dave Silverman, of Anderson, on the violin, and Miss Leona Blake, of Greenwood tarded, and the answers would not be the same in all cases.

noting and Miss Leona Blaze, of Arcenwood
in the plano.

Thursday night there was a choir practice
it the home of Mr J. T. Lanmer.

There was an exhibition Friday night at
p. m The hand biles in circulat on told us proves that seeds can, in fact, live for a s p. m The hand bits in circulat on told us that it would be "a most wonderful combination of inn and amusement," by Anderson Brothers. We were not out, but some say that they were pleased and some were not. Mr. Jno. Clinkscales, of Little River, was in town on business Friday.

Capt. John E. Browniee, of Penny's Creek, came up Friday and spent a few hours in our midst. certain time this retarded life. Three lots of the same number of peas and beans were placed, the first in the open air, the second in a sealed glass tube containing ordinary air, the third in a sealed tube containing only pure carbonic acid gas. At the end of two years the seeds of the first lot had sensibly increased in weight, and nearly all had retained their germinat-Hon. W. D. Mann, of Antreville, came over Saturday and attended a meeting of our Lo ige of Free Masons. Hon. J. C. Lomax spent Saturday in our ing power. Those preserved in the confined air had increased less in weight and germinated in less number than the preeding. Moreover, the air contained in midst.
Mr. Wilber Power and Miss Mamie Baskin.
of Anderson, came down Friday morning
a dwili remain for several days with kinsthe tube with them had changed in composition. Its proportion of oxygen had fallen to 11.4 per cent, and there was people in this section
Mr. D. W. Lipscomb, of Ninety Six, came
lown from Anderson yesterday.
Mr. M. B. Clinkscales, of Due West, came
over yesterday with Rev. J. A. Brown and
worshipped with the Baptists.
Mr. J. E. Alten spent Friday and Sturday
of last week in Augusta, Ga. on business. mixed with it 3.8 per cent of carbonic acid. As to the seeds kept in the carbonic acid,

de Candolle that relate to the wonderful power of resistance to cold displayed by PLANTERS FELT LIKE PLANTING.

What a difference. Yesterday a week ago was a very cold day, ground was covered with snow. Yesterday was mild pleasant day, made one feel like donning his summer ciothing—made the lizz irds and wasps come out from their winter quarters, and made the planters feel like planting corn.

Mrs Sarah McGhee, of Griffin Ga., died last Monday. Her remains were brought to this place Tuesday night. Wednesday they were carried to the Harper homestead on Savanah kiver, and deposited in the family cemetery near Harper's Ferry. Rev. J. L. Daniel performed the burlaiservice. The decessed was born and reared in the dwelling, within shundred or two yards of where she was laid to rest. She was about 89 years of age, was the oldest sister of the late Col. H. H. Harper, well known to our people. In her death, eeds. Experiments already made by others show that these seeds may germinate after having been exposed to a temperature of 1,008 kelow zero, centigrade. Now the researches of Pictet in his celebrated low temperature laboratory in Berlin show that at such a point chemical action totally ceases. Hence the active life of the seeds in question must have been really suspended, and nevertheless they were able to germinate when planted. In M. de Candolle's own experiments seeds were subjected once a day for 118 days to a temperature of 878 to 538 below zero, for 8 to 00 hours at a time, and notwithstanding this harsh treatment, they sprouted when planted. If the life of the seeds, however, were really suspended they must be able to live out of contact with air for a certain time. In order to see whether they could do this, M. de Candolle kept seeds under

out killing them. energy and send out a discharge, in the shape of a sprout. M. de Candolle re-

marks on this as follows: "This state of chemical and vital inertia may last a long time, perhaps even indefinitely. It is at least, as it seems to me, the only way of explaining the preservation of seeds during a great number of years. Cases are known where they have germinated after a period so long that it s impossible to believe that they have continued in life, properly speaking, in the interval, no matter how slowly the processes of life may have gone on. Here are some remarkable examples:

"A. P. de Candolle mentions seeds that sprouted very well after more than 60

puriosity, some seeds from the collection of Sir Hans Sloane, where they had re-Lace curtains, rugs and carpets put in ex-elent snape at the Laundry. mained for more than 150 years. He succeeded in making several germinate, in particular one of Nelumbium speciosum (a water lily), of which the plan has been preserved in the British museum, where I

> wheat is, as is now generally known, but a baseless fable. It appears, besides, that the wheat was always sterilized before being put into the sarcophagi, which pre divers well authenticated facts show that seeds can preserve their power of sprouting after an extremely prolonged sojourn beneath the earth-that is to say, in shelter from atmospheric influences.

kind is that observed several years since by Professor De Heldreich, director of the izing in the neighborhood of the mines of a glaucium that he took at once to be a new species, and he described it under the name of glaucium. This plant made its appearance on a piece of land from which had recently been removed a thick layer of

rubbish coming from the ancient working the neighboring mines. This layer must have been at least 1,500 years old. Unless we believe in spontaneous generation, it seems necessary to suppose that this glaucium must be a species that existed long ago in the locality, whose seeds had been preserved in the earth and rub-bish that covered them."—Literary Di-

gest.

of smoking is the bishep of Manchester. He has publicly stated that he has found tobacco to act a useful part in enabling him to discharge his ministerial duties. and imperfect if does not bear fruit in When he was roughing it in the wilds of Australia, he often smoked a pipe with the "pioneers of civilization" whom he met there, and he found that, as they sat together puffing away, their hearts opened unto one another as they never would have done if there had been no smoke to stir them .- Westminster Gazette.

> Gold is tried in the fire and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity. Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

If we can find that God has ever disappointed any soul which depended ceive form Christ is limited only by upon him then our fath may well be of a quarrel. our willingness. His ability is greater shaken. If we cannot find any heaven or

some valley of grief between the hills, any where nor at any time. The way of the world is to praise

HIS STRONG CARD. By Its Use the Drummer Gained a Profitable Customer.

"It's a hard life, that of the drummer, said one recently to whom 30 yards of hard work had given the right to speak with authority. "It's a hard life, but it's an interesting game and gives a tnan a close hold on facts and realities. The drummer learns in a hard school, but he does learn, and the lessons pay. What is the first lesson he has to learn? How to manage men; how to approach a reluctant or an indifferent or a suspicious buyer so as to win his confidence and overcome his indisposition.

"Experience teaches this better than anything else, though some men learn it more easily than others. I remember when I first began to travel as a sales man, when I was hardly more than a lad, I had an experience that proved valuable There was an old fellow on my route who had been known for years as the terror of all traveling men. He was declared to be absolutely the worst natured, worst mannered fellow they had ever met anywhere, but I hadn't even heard of him then, and so I entered his store very confidently and handed him my card. He took it without even glancing at it, tore it into bits and threw the pieces on the floor. 'Now, sir,' he said to me, 'get out of my store.' There were two pretty young girls in the store, who did not understand the proceeding and who looked at me as I walked out as if I had been an escaped convict.

"Well, I smarted for several days over that affair, during which time I made up my mind that I'd even matters up with him if I could next time. So before I visited his town again I had a card made expressly for my good friend. It looked exactly like the one I used before, only that it was made of tin. When I reach ed his town, I waited until I saw the store pretty well filled with people, and then I walked in and gave him my card. He took it just as before, glared at me and gave the card a twist.

"But it didn't fall on the floor in bits this time, and he only succeeded in giving his wrist a wrench and raising a titter among his customers.

"I was nearly out of the door by this ime, for I really didn't think my life was safe, but he called after me, and I went back. 'Come into my office,' said he. I went in, expecting never to come

"'What do you want to sell me?' he asked me.

"'Dress goods,' I responded. "'Well, go on.' And I actually sold the old curmudgeon \$1,000 worth of cloth before I left. For years after, so long ahe lived, in fact, he was one of my best customers and one of the best friends I ever made in my business."-Washing-

PREPARING CAVIARE.

Process by Which the Toothsome Edible Is Made Marketable. By far the most valuable byproduct obtained from the sturgeon is the roe

from which the valuable commercial product called caviare is prepared. For this only the hard roe of the "cow" fish is supposed to be used. The manner of preparation is as follows: After the eggs have been removed from

the fish they are placed in large chunks upon a stand, the top of which is formed of a small meshed screen. On the underside is arranged a .zinc lined trough about 18 inches deep, 2 feet wide and 4 feet long. The operator gently rubs the mass of eggs back and forth over the The mesh is just large enough screen. to let the eggs drop through, and as they are separated from the membrane by the rubbing they fall through into the trough and are thence drawn off into tubs by means of a sliding door at the end of the

After all the roe has been separated EARLY BOSE, the tub is removed and a certain proportion of the best Luneberg (Germany) salt added to the roe, after which the tor carefully stirs and mixes the mass with his hands. The most delicate part of the whole operation is in the manne of mixing. No direct rule can be given for doing this portion of the work, as the condition of the roe regulates the time consumed and the manner of handling. It requires practical experience to be-

come proficient.

After adding the salt the mass of eggs first dries up, but in 10 or 15 minutes the strength of the salt draws from the eggs their watery constituents and a copious brine is formed, which can be poured off when the tub becomes too full. The salted eggs are poured into very finely mesh- OUR NEW ed sieves, which hold about ten pounds each. In the caviare house are usually arranged long, sloping boards, with narrow strips nailed on each side. On these the sieves are placed and are left there from 8 to 20 hours in order to thoroughly

drain. The eggs have now become caviare of commerce and are transferred to small casks of either oak or pine, which have been steamed in order to prevent any possible leakage; the casks are covered and allowed to stand until the gas es capes and the eggs settle. The vacant space caused by the settling is then filled, and the cask headed up and put in a cool place until ready for shipment. casks cost about \$1 each and hold about 135 pounds net. It requires about 11 quarts of salt to prepare a keg of caviare. -Philadelphia Press.

Mimicking the Queen.

Few people are perhaps aware how thoroughly Queen Victoria enjoyed a joke. A gentleman in waiting, whom we will call Mr. B-, distinguished for his will call Mr. B—, distinguished for his imitative powers and dramatic talent, little powers and dramatic talent. Estate of J. W. Rowland, Decrased was a frequent visitor at both Windsor and Osborne. One day the queen, looking with a certain austerity straight into his face, demanded:

"Now, Mr. B-, I am perfectly well aware that when my back is turned you imitate me. I wish to see how you do it this minute!

TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of March, 1901, I will render a final account of my actings and doings as Executor of the Estate of J. W. Rowland, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Abbeville County at 10 o'clock a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such Executor.

All persons having demands against said estate will present them for payment on or before that day, proven and authenticated or be forever harred.

James C. Bocker, Feb. 20, 1901.* Poor Mr. B- fell straightway into the royal trap, crimsoned, faltered and utterly lost his countenance. "Ah," exclaimed the queen, "I see was right! You ought to be ashamed of yourself!" and then added, laughing as heartily as any schoolgirl, "But, mind you, don't do it again."

In the Dumps.

"I heard a man the other day," said a philologist, "give a novel derivation for the phrase in the dumps.' According to him, Dumops, an Egyptian king, built a pyramid and died of melancholy, and from Dumops' name and the story linked with it our word 'dumps' is derived. That is very ingenious and striking, only, like so many ingenious and striking things, it happens to be false. Our word 'dumps' comes from the Danish 'dump. which means dull, low, depressed. word, indeed, runs through a number of languages."-Philadelphia Record.

DENTAL NOTICE. S. F. Killingsworth, The two great movers of the human mind are the desire of good and the fear No. 4 Seal Block Abbeville, S. C.

evil. It is better to take the worst of a deal than to suffer the consequences

Try a box of Dr. Hill's Headache Powders. C. A. Milford. When you sell an article by weight remember that other people have seales.

Early encounter with difficulty and adverse circumstances are the the necessary and indispensable condition of success.

Embroidery insertion and laces at Haddon's.

C. A. Milford.

If you have a good watch and want it repaired so it will keep time, you know the best is always the cheapest. Mr. Bernau only keeps the best materials, jewels and mainsprings, and as he does not charge, any more than any one else for same amount of work, the cheapest in the long run will be to give him your watch for repairs.

CLOSING OUT!

Fancy Groceries and Notions AT COST.

Having Determined to Close my Mercantile Business I Offer my Entire Stock of Goods AT COST, Including Everything Usually Found in Fancy Groceries and Notions.

worth \$1.20. Roasted Coffee 13c. a lb. worth 15c. Lard 12 lbs. for \$1, worth \$1.20. Syrup 25c. a gallon, worth 40c. Cheese 10c. a lb. worth 15c. Shoes 80c. a pair, worth \$1.25. Guano Horns 10c. worth 20c.

News

Agency

A. S. J. Cassidy

POST OFFICE.

Famous Buists' Garden

P. TATOES ...

WHITE BLISS,

If you are looking for fresh seed now is the time to call and get them at

PHONES 75 and 85.

"SAFETY"

We wish to call attention to this fixture, which we claim to be the Simplest. Cheapest and Best Fixture in the world Light, easy in operation, can be worked by a child, durable and at one half the

work of some other fixtures peddled around the county.

We would be pleased to have you inspect this fixture and invite your correspondence.

Abbeville Hardware Co.

Notice of Settlement and Appli-

cation for Final Discharge.

The State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

PROBATE COURT.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

When in need of paints, oils, window glass putty, etc., do not fall to see Speed Drug Co.

WELL FIXTURE!

50 F . of Maine Grown Seed Potatoes.

GOODRICH,

Seed.

Mackerel 5c. worth 10c. 10 Bars Soap, 25c. 13 Bars Soap, 25c. And many other articles.

-FOR SALE:

Buggy, Wagon, Harness, Mare and Colt. 46 Acres of Land Within one and one-half mile of the city, with two Cabins and barn on place. For Reut or Sale.

TWO STORES on Main Street for Rent.

H. WILDER. ABBEVILLE, S. C.

SAVE

THE ABBEVILLE

STEAM LAUNDRY

Dyeing. If they need being dyed and restored to original color, it can be done in Abbeville.

Lace Curtains. Lace Curtains made to look

Very respectfully.

PAPERS FOR 5c.

Master's Sale. The State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

BY AUTHORITY OF A DECREE OF SALF BLISS TRIUMPH. by the Court of Common Pleas of Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stat ed case, I will offer for sale at Public Outcry, at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Salesday in APRIL (1st,) A. D. 1901, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the

Seventy-Three (73) Acres.

Thompson Estate.

TERMS OF SALE-One half cash, belance on a credit of twelve months, with interest from day of sale at 8 per cent. per annum. The credit portion to be secured by bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay for papers, stamps, and re-L. W. PERRIN.

The State of South Carolina, ABBEVILLE COUNTY.

Probate Court .- Citation for Letters of Ad- saving?"

W. F. Kennedy, late of Abbeville County, deceased.

These are therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said W. F. Kennedy, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Abbeville C. H., on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 1901, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court.

cation for Final Discharge.

Kerr's Locals.

A new lot of Dexter mattresses just arrievd. Our sales on them are way beyond are expeditions and see them J. D. Kerr. Have you ever heard a person speak discouragingly of their Dexter mattress. One and all say it is the best they have ever seen J. D. Kerr.

Lamps to beat the band, pictures by the whole sale, rugs of every description at Kerr,s. When needing anything in the furniture se sure to get our price, Kerr.

CURED OF GAMBLING.

ODDLY, TOO, THE REMEDY ENTAILED CONSTANT GAMBLING.

A Scheme by Witch a Pair of Confirmed Young Gamesters Ceased, Yet Did Not Cease, and Eventually Ac-

quired Wealth. This is the story of two confirmed young gamblers who seemed beyond redemption, but who struck a system whereby they continued and yet ceased gambling and eventually acquired wealth.

They were a pair of young southerners from the same town and friends almost from babyhood. Therefore what one did the other was almost sure to do. They. made up their minds that they needed to go out and see the world and be happy and that it was not the proper thing to live on their fathers. They came to New Vork to make their own way and to see things and in order to see them better became newspaper reporters. Then they saw things good and bad and indifferent and among them were introduced to a thing named "wheel."

Unfortunately in the first attempt one of them won \$300 and the other \$200, and thereafter they devoted their young lives and hundreds of dollars trying to repeat the run.

When the "wheel" proved faithless, they went to horse racing, which is more dangerous because it includes not mere luck, but an element of personal vanity about one's knowledge of Sunshine and Spindrift and weights up and hard and soft tracks. Poker and the other diversions were added to the list until the spirit of gambling entered their daily lives, and they gambled with each other and threw dice to see who would pay the week's board and matched each other to

see who paid for breakfasts. Things went on splendidly until on pay days it was simply a matter of an hour to run from the office to a "joint" or a poolroom and to return dead broke resdy and cheerful for another day's work. They owed money, restaurant bills and money borrowed outright, which they hoped to pay some day when they made a big strike. Meanwhile they made little strikes, enough to lead them on. In time they got to the point when their faces no longer showed whether they had lost or won. Therefore they were "full fledged sports." Therefore, also, hard lines were digging into their faces about their mouths and eyes, and if their families down in the land of sunshine could have seen them parading arm in arm up Park row there would have been tears or re-

buffs, according to sex. As both of the young men had the same WHAT A NICE JOB CAN BE MADE first Christian names it is necessary to call one of them Bill and the other Billy. Bill and Billy were in for a crisis. The summer and the greater part of autumn had gone when it dawned on them that in the name of decency, if not in the name of comfort, it was about time to buy overcoats. They had spent nights shivering on assignments for the want of a proper covering, but on pay days it seemed folly to invest money in clothing when there was a fortune to be made by the turn of a wheel. As both men were pretty good in their line of business they made enough each week to buy three or four new overcoats if they had been able to let the wheel alone. They realized this one morning and left the office together with their salaries in their pockets, bound for a tailor's shop, and they returned two hours later without a cent or an overcoat

> down in their seats in the office at desks facing each other and like true sports began to write the stories of their assignments as if nothing had happened. Presently, without stopping his writing, Bill remarked: "Billy, you're a fool."

"Just what I was thinking of you," Billy returned, likewise disdaining to halt in his work. "Guess we're both it," Bill said

put down their pencils. "I'll tell you, I'll match you to see who is the biggest fool; that's about all I've got left," said Bill.

I wanted to I could save more money in a month than you could at that," other said.

bank account than you do." And that is all that was said until at the end of the month Bill produced a bankbook with \$80 in it and Billy one with \$120 credited to him. Therefore Bill paid Billy the \$5 and said:

"I'll go you again on that."
"All right; make it every month if you like." "Suits me, my son," said Billy, "but,

look here, sport is sport. I don't think I ought to have taken that fiver. I borrowed \$50 from the governor to add to the account and swamp you. That leaves \$70 which I wally saved against your \$80, so here is your \$5 back and \$5 more which I owe." But Bill hesitated; then he said, "Well,

is this thing meant only for legitimate

"So I supposed."

"Then we will call the thing off for this month, but hereafter it will be five a month that I show a fatter account than you do, and no more funny business about it." Neither Bill nor Billy knew what he

chase was on, and that was four years ago. The last time Bill won with \$4,200 to Billy's \$4,170, and Billy swore he would get the next fiver if he had to do the Isabella act and pawn his jewels. Some day a pair of fine girls will get hold of Bill and Billy and will put on the finishing touches of civilization, and thereafter they will confine themselves to laying odds on their wives, which is legitimate.-New York Times.

Two Celebrated Men's Mottoes. When Russell Sage was asked for the secret of his success, he said, "The secret of success is to keep your credit good."

When old Commodore Vanderbilt was asked for his secret of success, his answer was, "Keep your mouth shut."-Success.

ment)-Look here! Do you believe in the Bible?

He-Well, not in the family record part.-Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

Read Mr Bernau's ad and see how to get an Eastman Camera free. He also has a lot of new \$1.00 Brownie Cameras, the finest camera ever produced for even double the price; they make a picture 2½ inches squares, and you can get a developing outfit for these cameras for 55 cents.

for 75 cents. Praus Poultry Powders makes larger fowls, quickens the growth of young chickens, prevents and cures all poultry diseases and is a fine egg producer. For sale by Speed DrugCo. Next Monday, 18th, special sale of embrod-eries and white goods, at Haddon's.

If you want eggs in abundance begin now and feed your poultry on Pratt's Poultry Powders. For sale by Speed Drug Co.

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

to get this spring session.

Any church desiring the convention may send its invitation to the Secretary as soon as possible. Jos. J. Kilgore, Secretary. Wideman's, S. C.

Cram's Atlas.

Mr. J. H. O'Dell, of Laurens, S. C., is in the city bauding the new census edition of Cram's Atlas, containing the census of 1900 according to the latest government returns. This is an old standard work, an encyclopedia of the world up to date. No office, library or house can well afford to be without a copy of this excellent work.

Mr. O'Dell will be in town for several days, calling upon our people. Should be full to find you, you will find it profitable to call upon him at the office of the Carolina Hotel, when he will take pleasure in showing the work.

R. M. Haddon & Co's-ForWard Move-

things. Either cash, or prompt paying customers will find a decided advantage in giving us a liberal share of their trade.

Fast Trotters.

Hope for Better Crossing.

New Sheriff.

oracks on the Public Square to pollsh his foot gear, and when the job was finished, Mr Long had not a nickel, and the bootblack wannable to change his money. The bootblack was told that the debt would be paid "di-rectly." council Chamber for registration of Dr. Neuffer Home Again.

unable to change his money. The bootblack was told that the debt would be paid "directly," or as soon as Mr. Long could get his money changed. And In a few minutes a little darkey came along. Mr. Long held out the nickel, and Said, "you bracked my shors awhite ago." The little coon said, "yes, sir," and took the money. The negro left and Mr. Long fett the consciousness of having paid the debt. But an hour later the houest laborer sought the price of his hire. Mr. Long protested that he had paid him. He was, however, convinced that a dishonest street gammin had played a practical joke on him. The honest laborer wapaid, and when we last saw Mr. Long be was looking for the first negro, with fire in his eye, which, at the sight of the tricky darkey, might have put energy in his right foot. The Literary Club will meet next Friday night at the home of Hon F. B. Gary. M. Sloan will read a paper on "Wardsworth, or a Personality of the Soul."

Dwelling House Wanted.

We have placeed our Pecans on sale at Dure's Book Store-25 cents per pound Now lettine to plant. Root, S. Link. right. All we ask is a trial.

Fresh flower seed- Salvia, Nasturtimus Early Orange and early Amber cane seed, a so German Millet, Cattall Millet, Spanish Peanuts and Soja Beans.

Postponed. The George Washington Birth Day party

we do not trust him enough. present, we determine what we will be in future by our use of the present. FOR SALE.—Neat five room cottage near centre of town, with % of an acre of land, planted in fruit trees, grapes and other small frint. Apply at Bernau's Jewelry Store. If we rely on Jesus, it would be disovalty not to strive to do whatever he would like to have us do.

Glenn's Locals. Hams, shoulders, breakfast strips, oat meal, buck wheat, and fine syrup.

Can corn, peas, beans okra and tomatoes, pickies, catsup, olives and can meats, currants, raisins and citron, spices and extracts.

We have never handled garden seed before, consequently our stock is clean and new. We have the famous Buist's seed at two papers for 5c. Also bean and pea seed, onlon sets. both red and white, watermeion seed of all and the future. It is at our command, and naught else is.

VITALITY OF SEEDS.

Aged Woman's Death-Personal IMPORTANT RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION.

Instances of Seeds Holding Suspended Their Germinating Powers For One Hundred and Fifty Years and Then Springing

to Life Under Proper Treatment. Not long ago it was generally believed that grains of wheat from Egyptian tombe had been made to germinate, and there seemed therefore to be no limit to the dormant life of a seed. When these stories were proved to be without foundation, there was a general tendency to disbelieve all of a similar kind. Now, however, it seems established that seeds may live, under proper conditions, a great many years, perhaps for centuries, and when we consider that under these circumstances the protoplasm within the seed actually maintains its vitality, this fact is very significant. On the question of how seeds accomplish this, much light has been thrown by recent experiments of C. de Candolle,

"Seeds that have retained their germinating power are said to possess latent life.' This expression lacks precision, for we may ask whether the life of the seeds is completely arrested or if it is only re-

"We owe to Messrs. Van Tieghem and

Bounier the following experiment, which

none of them could germinate, and their weight had not changed." Experiments are then described by M.

mercury from one to three months with-In this state of suspended life a seed is in a chemical condition, according to M. de Candolle, somewhat resembling that of an explosive mixture—that is, it is ready for chemical action (growth), but that action will not begin until the surrounding conditions are right. In the explosive these are conditions of dryness, temperature, etc., just as they are with the seed. A seed, then, is a little bomb, only waiting to be touched off to release its store of

"Girardin has seen beans sprout that had lain in the storehouse of Tournefort more than 100 years. "In 1850 Robert Brown sowed, from

aw it a few years since. "The alleged germination of mummy bluded all possibility of its growth. But to make up for the falsity of this story

"The most extraordinary case of this Botanic garden at Athens. While botan-Laurium this savant discovered, in 1873,

A Bishop Defends Tobacco. Another stalwart defender of the habit

He is to be pitied whose house is in this earth, then it cannot be found est day. Home should be the center dead saints and persecute and living

Brooms 15, 20, 25c., worth 25, 30, 40c. Flower Pots 5c. and 10c. each worth Candy 8 cts., worth 10 cts. 10 and 20c. Tin Buckets 5c. worth 15c. Kerosene Oil Cans 10c worth 15c.

Lamp Chimneys 4c. and 5c. worth 5

rommonor

AND PRESSING CO. CAN SAVE YOU MONEY BY CLEAN ING AND PRESSING YOUR SPRING CLOTHS. GET THEM OUT AND SEE OF THEM AT THE LAUNDRY.

A Large Assortment of the Laundry. Send us your Landry and we will guarantee

Henry P. McGee, Plaintiff, against L. S. Bur-

State aforesaid, containing

more or less, and bounded by lands of M. E Hollingsworth, Abbeville Road and Little River, and known as Tract No. 1 of the

Master A. C. S. C. March 5th, 1901.

ministration. BY R. E. HILL, ESQ., JUDGE OF PROBATE. WHEREAS, W. L. Kennedy has made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of W. F. Kennedy, late of Abbeville Country decembed.

said Administration should not be granted.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court.
this 5th day of March, in the year
(L. S.) of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the 125th year of
American Independence.
Published on the 6th day of March, 1801, in
the Press and Banner and on the Court
House door for the time required by law.
R. E. HILL,
March 5, 1901.
Judge of Probate.

Estate of Rav. B. F. Miller, Dec'd. Notice of Settlement and Appli-

TAKE NOTICE that on the 27th day MARCH, 1901, I will render a final account of my actions and doings as Executor of the Estate of REV. B. F. MILLER, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Abbeville County at 10 o'clock a. m., and on same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such Executor.

All persons having demands against said estate will present them for payment on or before that day, proven and suthenticated or be forever barred.

T. W. Morton, Feb. 25, 1901.

Executor. In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Jane McCelvey, Deceased. ALL persons indebted to said estate must settle without delay, and those holding claims against the estate must present them properly attested to P. L. McCelvey, Feb. 4, 1901. Executor.

New furniture is daily arriving all of the latest designs woods and marble wood tops, at Kerrs.

and with watches gone. As they were game to the core they sat

"Maybe, but I know you are," said Billy, and then for the first time both

"That's all right: I'll bet you a fiver if "I'll go you on that. It's five up that at the end of the month I show a fatter,

"Then here is the \$10 back. You see I was behind and only had \$40 in bank. I had everything to gain and nothing to lose, I figured, so I drew the \$40 and played Esmeralda, even money, and banked the \$80."

was doing that day, or he would not have done it, but the excitement of the

Skeptical About the Dates. She (at the end of a doctrinal argu-

Cheese, cheese; we handle the very best cream cheese.